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Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee
2nd Floor John L O' Brien Building
Representative Hasagawa, Chair
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA98504-0600

RE: 2009 Washington State Energy Code Adoption

Dear Chair Hasagawa:

I want to report to you and the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee of the outcome of State Building Code Council's (Council) consideration of the 2009 Washington State Energy Code.

The Council held an adoption hearing on November 20. Action was taken to adopt the proposed rule, WAC 51-11, with amendments. Members submitted 30 amendments for the Council to consider. The Council adopted 15 total amendments. I have attached a list of the amendments and an explanation of the effect.

The Council considered cost of compliance and regulatory burden in adopting the amendments. An amendment adopted by the Council addressed the new Chapter 9, "additional requirements" by reducing the number of credits needed to comply. The Council eliminated regulations in the proposed code mandating direct induction fans for furnaces, and requiring vestibules at building entrances. Industry input was followed by the Council on thermal values for concrete and masonry walls, and on allowed wattage for lighting. Based on the economic data submitted with the proposed rule, the overall cost of the new code is reduced by about twenty five per cent with the amendments.

The amendments to WAC 51-11 will be filed with the code reviser and are scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2010. If you have any questions please contact me at (360) 725-2969.

Sincerely

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